



LEVI T. PENNINGTON, D. D.

PRESIDENT-EMERITUS OF PACIFIC COLLEGE

THE UNVEILING

The unveiling of the bust of Levi T. Pennington tonight culminates three years of planning. Dean Ellis F. Lawrence of the University of Oregon's School of Architecture and Allied Arts conceived the sculpturing project in 1941, suggesting it to his friends, Levi T. Pennington and Professor Oliver L. Barrett, head of the sculpturing work at the state school. Arrangements were soon completed and work on the project was begun. During the past three years President Pennington has made many trips to sit for the sculptor. The two men spent uncounted hours in the process of executing the bust.

However, before the bust was finished, Prof. Barrett passed away. Since the work was so near completion, friends of the sculptor felt that it should be cast. It was also thought that the figure should be housed at Pacific College as a tribute to Levi T. Pennington's years of service there. Prof. Barrett's successor at the University, Miss Jean Sutherland, prepared it for casting and Mr. Fred Collins did the work of casting it in stone.

The bust is in the Roman style, heroic size, and has the following overall dimensions: width, 15 inches; depth, 17½ inches; height, 28½ inches. It has been cast in white stone and is mounted on a specially constructed base of Oregon Douglas fir. It will be placed temporarily in the college library and will occupy a suitable niche in the Hinshaw Memorial Library to be built after the war.

PROGRAM

FRIDAY, APRIL 28, 1944, 8:00 P. M.

WOOD-MAR HALL

AUDITORIUM

"Finlandia" Sibelius

Spiritual Anon.

Pacific College Chorus,
Herschel Thornburg, director

Introduction of Guests Emmett W. Gulley
President, Pacific College

Presentation of Bust Ellis F. Lawrence
Dean, School of Architecture and
Allied Arts, University of Oregon

Unveiling of Bust Mrs. Kathryn Barrett

Acceptance Hervey M. Hoskins
Vice-president, Board of
Managers of Pacific College

"Regret d' Amour" Bright
Clarinet solo, Roger Minthorne

"Erlkonig" Liszt
Piano solo, Herschel Thornburg

Announcements Emmett W. Gulley

RECEPTION

LIBRARY

The public is invited to meet the guests and to view
the bust in position.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Levi T. Pennington was born in Amo, Indiana, on August 29, 1875, the son of Josiah and Mary Furnas Pennington. As a farm boy he attended Manton and Traverse City high schools, graduating from the latter in 1894. For several years he taught school and then entered newspaper work, in which career he rose to the position of news editor in Traverse City. From 1904 until 1911 he served as pastor of various Friends churches in Michigan and Indiana. During this time he also attended Earlham college, Richmond, Indiana, where he received his A. B. degree in 1910. In college he was outstanding as an athlete, a student, and an orator, winning prizes in all three fields.

Following his graduation, Levi T. Pennington was called to the presidency of Pacific College. He arrived in Newberg in 1911 and has served the college from that time until he retired from active duty to become President-Emeritus in 1941. After arriving in Oregon he continued his graduate study, receiving a Master's degree in English from the University of Oregon in 1922. He also took correspondence work from the Armour Institute of Sacred Literature. His religious leadership was recognized by the honorary degree of D. D. granted him by Linfield college in 1923.

Twice during his thirty years at Pacific, Levi T. Pennington received leaves of absence. From 1919 to 1921 he headed the Forward Movement of Friends of America and in 1930-31 the Penningtons conducted a speaking tour of the East and the British Isles. President Pennington has been very active in various educational groups such as the National Education Association, the Association of Independent Colleges of Oregon, which he headed many years, and the Oregon State Teachers Association. A noted speaker, Levi Pennington has been in frequent demand not only among Friends groups but also on Lyceum courses, the National Preaching Mission and elsewhere. He contributes frequently to national magazines on religious, educational, philosophical, and literary subjects.

Levi Pennington married Bertha May Waters on June 1, 1898, and two children were born to this union, Mrs. Mary Esther Pearson and Bertha May Pennington. Mrs. Pennington died in 1903 and two years later Levi Pennington married Florence Rebecca Kidd. Rebecca Pennington has been actively associated with her husband during these years of service to the college and the community.